

LAST EDITION ALTA GONE, TOO.

George E. Sickles's Daughter and Heir-
esses Elope with a Bartender.

Her Three Sisters Did Likewise in
Days Gone By.

Honest Tom Dinham, of New Rochelle, the Happy Bridegroom.

Gen. Dan Sickles Refers to His Sister's Choice in Angry Terms.

Miss Alta Sawyer Sickles, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of the late George E. Sickles and sister of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, hero of Gettysburg, and President Grant's Minister to Spain, furnishes the latest Sickles sensation. She has eloped with a bartender.

Miss Alta is eighteen years old, and isan heiress to a part of the \$2,000,000 estate left by George E. Sickles, who died at New Rochelle three years ago.

She was educated at an Albany school and at a convent in Montreal, and her return to her home was soon followed by her elopement with Thomas Dinham, a bartender at the Huguenot Hotel, New Rochelle.

White Plains was the Gretchen Green of this romantic marriage.

Dinham is a rather prepossessing young fellow. He is twenty-five years old, and as a mixer of drinks is expert.

Miss Alta's elopement has made Host Perry's bar locally famous.

Thomas is a fair-haired young man and an accomplished bartender. He is the best bartender in Westchester County.

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This contest will be lively, while friendly, but the excitement incident to it will be completely eclipsed by that which will ensue after a certain motion is made by one of the members.

There has been a steadily growing conviction in the minds of many of the Club's members that the Club's membership in the Grand Circuit was hardly worth the money expended in printer's ink to announce the fact.

Thirty-five members of the Driving Club have these convictions held a private meeting at the Hotel Marlborough, at which Mr. William E. Parsons, Jr., presided.

The gentlemen thoroughly discussed the existing state of affairs in the Club, and as an outcome of their deliberations it was resolved to present a motion at to-night's meeting to the effect that the New York Driving Club sever its connection with the Grand Circuit.

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SALLEY AT THE BAR.

Up for Trial in the Mysterious
Excursion-Boat Murder.

Accused of Throwing Young Ben
Hutton Overboard.

The American Bank-Note Com-
pany's Fatal Plunge Recalled.

William Salley, the big fellow with little eyes, gigantic muscles and a scar across his throat received in a street fight some years ago, was arraigned before Judge Brady in the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, charged with throwing overboard to his death nineteen-year-old Benjamin Hutton from the steamer Blackbird on June 23.

The affair at the time was a great mystery. Salley and Walton were among the employees of the American Bank-Note Company who attended an excursion to Great Neck, L. I., that day.

When the steamer landed at the Brooklyn dock there was a cry of "man overboard," and instantly there was great excitement among the excursionists.

Two policemen of the Steamboat Squad, who were on the steamer, rushed to the rail, but could see no one.

At the same time a young man yelled, "That's the murderer! I saw him throw a man overboard, pointing to Salley."

The latter protested his innocence, but the policemen locked him up in the first Brooklyn precinct until an investigation could be made.

A roll-call of the Bank Note Company's employees revealed the fact that Ben Hutton was missing, and when Salley was removed to the Tombs two witnesses testified that they saw him throw Ben Hutton overboard during a quarrel.

Two days later Hutton's body was found floating in the East River and was identified by an Excursion-Boat reporter.

The Coroner's jury rendered a non-sequit verdict, but on the strength of the witness' testimony Judge Hogan held Salley for murder.

Salley denied that there had been any quarrel, that he scarcely knew Hutton and went off to his examination.

Assistant District Attorney O'Neil appeared for the people and Joe Moss, representing Hutton's family, appeared for the defense.

At 11.15 the work of selecting a jury was begun. Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding any one who had not heard or read of the case and formed an opinion.

At 11.45 the jury was selected. It consisted of twelve men, seven of whom were from the jury box and five from the list of names.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Salley was sentenced to the State Prison for ten years.

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GERRY A CONVERT

Even He Advocates a Bill to Review
Children's Commitments.

Change of Heart Towards "The
Evening World's" Reform.

After Fighting the Measure, He Will
Himself Urge It in the Legislature.

A great and wonderful change of heart has come over Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry, the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

A year ago he was fighting tooth and nail the bill, which was introduced in the Legislature at the instance of THE EVENING WORLD, providing for the rehearing of cases where children were committed by a Police Justice, wherein new facts might be presented, and any injustice done might be righted.

Now he announces that he is not only in favor of such a measure, but discloses his intention of placing the matter himself before the Legislature at its coming session and asking that the law be modified in accordance with his enlightened views of what is just and proper.

This is somewhat startling, considering the bitterness of President Gerry's opposition to the measure introduced at the last session, but it is none the less gratifying to know that this philanthropic gentleman has at last been brought to see the error of his judgment, and has now voluntarily espoused the good cause so vigorously and persistently advocated by THE EVENING WORLD a year ago.

The EVENING WORLD'S Children's bill simply provided for a rehearing of a commitment by any court of record upon certiorari on the facts and the law, and that in such a proceeding the commitment order or judgment might be affirmed or reversed or modified in such a manner and to such an extent as might seem best, or a rehearing of the charge ordered.

The draft of the bill as presented to the Legislature was made by Justice Brainerd and approved of by all his colleagues.

So many changes have been made in the facts in which had been exposed by THE EVENING WORLD, where evident injustice should be done to both parents and children, that the demand for some sort of remedy was universally expressed.

The EVENING WORLD'S bill filled this want in every respect. It was directed against no society or individual, and simply a measure for the betterment of humanity, and as such it was recognized as broad enough to provide for any case that might arise.

President Gerry's change of heart was not the result of any one's influence, but was the result of his own reflection on the facts of the case, and he has himself sent a general outline of the bill to the Legislature.

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He went on to say that for some time past he had been considering the question of the commitment of children, and he was now prepared to present a bill to the Legislature.

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LAST EDITION BAGGED A BARON.

Anson Phelps Stokes's Daughter to
Become Baroness Halkett.

Another American Heiress Cap-
tures a Foreign Title.

The Prospective Groom Wentling,
Too, and Partner of the
Kotshchinskis.

Another nobleman bagged by an American girl.

This time the huntress is Miss Sarah Phelps Stokes, daughter of Anson Phelps Stokes, the millionaire banker of this city.

The quarry brought down by the deft Diana is none other than Baron Halkett, a partner in the great banking firm of the Rothschilds.

The engagement is the source of much gratification to the families concerned.

At the recent reception at the home of Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, for the purpose of introducing to society her second daughter, Miss Helen Phelps Stokes, the news of the engagement of Mrs. Stokes's eldest daughter to the Baron leaked out.

An Excursion-Boat reporter called to-day at the offices of Anson Phelps Stokes, 64 Wall street, and of William E. Dodge Stokes, at 140 Broadway. The news of the engagement was confirmed at both offices.

The Baron is at present on his way across the Atlantic to see his fiancée. He is due on these shores in a few days.

Baron Halkett's own allegiance to His Majesty, Queen Victoria, is for his father's sake, his father being an Englishman. The Baron's mother, however, was a German, and through her he derives his title.

Through his mother also, the lucky Baron Halkett will succeed to large and valuable estates in Germany.

These the heiress netted at present from these estates, the Baron's interest in the greatest banking concern in Europe, the Rothschilds, is described as a young man usually goes into his business very early in the morning.

Miss Stokes, who is participating in the American education, is a very accomplished and intelligent young woman.

Eventually she will succeed to still greater wealth than her father's.

Her father's wealth is estimated at \$10,000,000, and she is expected to inherit it all.

The prospective bride is a very lovely girl. She is not yet twenty years old. She has an intellectual as well as a beautiful face.

She is a granddaughter of Isaac N. Phelps, from whom her wealth is derived.

Baron Halkett is a man of high birth and distinguished courtesy and high breeding.

He has never set foot on American soil, his coming visit being his maiden venture.

It is purely a love match, despite the fact that the heiress is a young woman.

When Miss Stokes went abroad with her family last year they spent the winter at the Hotel de Ville in Paris.

The Stokeses, of course, were leaders in the American colony there.

On a recent evening in last April the young folks who are now receiving the Baron's attention at the Hotel de Ville, in Paris, were seen together.

By Isaac N. Phelps's will, which was probated in August, 1884, over \$10,000,000 was divided among his children and grandchildren, of which were to be millions, noble societies and charitable institutions.

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